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.1. KNUT TARALDSET, SECTION CHIEF FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AT THE NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, STATED THAT NORWAY HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE AID TO INDIA. TARALDSET SAID THE ASSISTANCE TO INDIA WAS REEVALUATED IN LIGHT OF RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRELIMINARILY DECIDED TO MEET THE AID COMMITMENTS ENUNCIATED AT THE 1975 PARIS CONSORTIUM MEETING.

2. NORWAY PLEDGED 60 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER IN 1976 (\$1.00 EQUALS NKR 5.0) IN BILATERAL AID TAT THE MEETING (AN INCREASE FROM THE 40 MILLION NORWEGIAN KRONER ALLOTTED IN THE 1975 BUDGET). TARALDSET AND TOBIASSEN FROM THE NORWEGIAN AID AGENCY (NORAD) MAINTAINED THE INCREASE WAS DUE TO NORWAY'S GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH INDIA'S EFFORTS TO COINTAIN INFLATION, IMPORVE HARVESTS, AND INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION.

3. COMMENT: INDIA REMAINS ONE OF NORWAY'S SEVEN MAJOR PARTNER COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. MOST NORWEGIAN AID IS CONCENTRATED IN WELL ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS OF FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, COMMODITY ASSISTANCE SUCH AS FERTILIZERS, AND FAMILY PLANNING. IT WILL, THEREFORE, BE DIFFICULT TO DENY DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO INDIA GIVEN THE LACK OF POLITICAL PURITY OF OTHER NORWEGIAN AID RECIPIENTS.
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